

Decisions as of March 23, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

LBB Manager: Avery Saxe

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
Article III, Public Education		Items Not Included in SB 1		Pended Items		Adopted		Article XI	
Total, Article III Public Education		2024-25 Biennial Total		2024-25 Biennial Total		2024-25 Biennial Total		2024-25 Biennial Total	
Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
TEA (703)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 5,017,545,920	\$ 5,017,545,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,015,138,814	\$ 5,123,377,814	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TSBVI (771)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,475,000	\$ 6,475,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0
TSD (772)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 67,041,102	\$ 67,041,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,776,304	\$ 9,776,304	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special Provisions for TSBVI and TSD (S20)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PSFC (706)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ 5,591,553	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRS (323)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,404,021,000	\$ 1,404,021,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,305,518,000	\$ 4,305,518,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ORP (32C)									
	Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
Article III, Public Education Total, Article III Public Education Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Items Not Included in SB 1 2024-25 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2024-25 Biennial Total		Adopted 2024-25 Biennial Total		Article XI 2024-25 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 6,495,083,022	\$ 6,500,674,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,334,033,118	\$ 9,442,272,118	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
<u>NO-COST ADJUSTMENTS</u>								
1 None.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total, NO COST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total GR & GR-Ded Adopted Items less Cost-out	\$ 6,495,083,022	\$ 6,500,674,575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,334,033,118	\$ 9,442,272,118	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0

Article III, Public Education Texas Education Agency (703) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Windham School District (WSD) request for additional funds for salary increase.	\$ 234,487	\$ 234,487			\$ 234,487	\$ 234,487		
Agency Requests:								
1. Information Technology Deferred Maintance: Request for resources to complete deferred regular maintenance on legislatively mandated applications.	\$ 11,251,170	\$ 11,251,170			\$ 11,251,170	\$ 11,251,170		
2. Modify Rider 80: Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools. (\$55,000,000 in General Revenue included in SB 1 for the project.) No Cost								
a. Transfer \$5,748,080 from capital to non-capital budget to fund ESC Grants for Cybersecurity Practitioners.					Adopt			
b. Transfer \$745,946 from capital to non-capital budget to fund 3.0 FTEs for statewide planning activities and transfer \$366,973 in payroll costs to fiscal year 2025.					Adopt			
c. Modify Rider 80 to specify funding is also for the placement and oversight of cybersecurity practitioners to assist schools.					Adopt			
d. Modify Rider 80 to allow TEA to transfer funding between capital and non-capital budgets contingent upon LBB approval, with automatic approval after 15 business days if not disapproved.					Adopt			

Article III, Public Education Texas Education Agency (703) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
		Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
3.	Modify Rider 70: Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives. Request to amend rider to allow TEA to transfer fee revenues above the Biennial Revenue Estimate to administrative strategies and provides unexpended balance authority both within the biennium and between biennia. No Cost					Adopt			
4.	New Rider: Civics Training Programs. Requested rider would allow TEA to transfer \$300,000 of program funds to administrative strategies and provide unexpended balance authority within the biennium. No Cost					Adopt			
5.	Modify Rider 49: Texas Gateway and Online Resources. Request would allow commissioner to use appropriated funds to create and implement tools to collect, manage, and analyze performance data for rider's programs. Commissioner would notify LBB 30 days prior to expending funds. No Cost					Adopt			
6.	Expanded Services to Students in Restrictive Housing, WSD. Funding for specialized classroom desks and 3.0 additional staff.	\$ 515,465	\$ 515,465						
7.	Expanded Career and Technical Education Offerings, WSD. Funding for 5.0 additional staff, additional state jail classroom space, equipment, and operating expenses.	\$ 1,891,641	\$ 1,891,641						
8.	Continue Family Literacy Programs, WSD. Funding for 8.0 additional staff.	\$ 1,027,626	\$ 1,027,626			\$ 1,027,626	\$ 1,027,626		
9.	Creation of a Workforce Coordinator Program, WSD. Funding for 6.0 additional staff to assist with occupational licensing applications pre- and post-release and to facilitate pre-release employment interviews for students.	\$ 797,495	\$ 797,495			\$ 797,495	\$ 797,495		

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		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:									
1.	New Rider: Contingency for Public Education Funding. Rider appropriates \$5.0 billion in additional funding for public education, contingent on the enactment of Senate Bills 8, 9, 11, 1474, and 2565. Rider also removes Rider 82, Increased Teacher Compensation.	\$ 5,000,000,000	\$ 5,000,000,000			\$5,000,000,000	\$5,000,000,000		
2.	Modify Rider 81: Property Tax Relief. Increase appropriations from the Property Tax Relief Fund from \$9.7 billion to \$9.8 billion, contingent on enactment of SB3, SB4, and SB5, or similar legislation, and on the enactment and subsequent voter approval of the constitutional amendment proposed by SJR 3.						\$ 108,239,000		
3.	New Rider: Projects and Grants at the Texas Education Agency. Rider appropriates \$5.5 million in additional funds for Grants for Adaptive Equipment and Best Buddies and modifies Rider 71, Child I.D. Program, to provide a total of \$2.0 million for the program.	\$ 1,828,036	\$ 1,828,036			\$ 1,828,036	\$ 1,828,036		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 5,017,545,920	\$ 5,017,545,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,015,138,814	\$5,123,377,814	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (771) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
		Items Not Included in SB 1 2024-25 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2024-25 Biennial Total		Adopted 2024-25 Biennial Total		Article XI 2024-25 Biennial Total	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Agency Requests:									
1.	Statewide Outreach and Technical Assistance Programs. Additional funds and 5.0 FTEs to expand statewide outreach services.	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000					\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
2.	Teacher Preparation Programs. Increase to pass-through funding to Texas Universities to provide additional scholarships for future teachers of the blind and visually impaired. (\$1,405,500 in All Funds included in SB 1.)	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000						
3.	Campus Safety and Security Upgrades.								
a.	Emergency Power Generator.	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000		
b.	Security equipment, including radios, security cameras, intercom system, fire panel, door upgrades, and badge readers.	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000			\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000		
c.	Video surveillance software.	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
4.	Technology and information resources upgrades. Request includes \$140,000 in onetime upgrades to the wireless network infrastructure and an ongoing contracted annual cost of \$30,000.	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000						
5.	Student Transportation. Funding for transporting students home from campus on weekends. Service currently funded through private donations.	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000			\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000		
6.	Playground Accessibility Equipment and Upgrades.	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000		
7.	Increased utility costs.	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000						
8.	Amend Rider 4, Educational Professional Salary Increases. Agency requests amending the rider to include an additional \$2,500 annual stipend for each contracted professional at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.	\$ 675,000	\$ 675,000						
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:									
1.	None.								

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Article III, Public Education Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (771) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 6,475,000	\$ 6,475,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions		5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
Article III, Public Education School for the Deaf (772) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<u>Agency Requests:</u>									
1.	Facilities expansion and renovation for ACCESS program (young adults ages 18-22).								
	a. New student dormitories.	\$ 47,006,809	\$ 47,006,809						
	b. Classroom expansion and renovation.	\$ 9,273,656	\$ 9,273,656			\$ 9,273,656	\$ 9,273,656		
2.	Campus Security Entrance. Renovations to the Elizabeth Street security entrance to the campus.	\$ 502,648	\$ 502,648			\$ 502,648	\$ 502,648		
3.	Rehabilitation of elementary multipurpose recreational space.	\$ 9,457,989	\$ 9,457,989						
4.	Amend Rider 3, Educational Professional Salary Increases. Agency requests amending the rider to include an additional \$2,500 annual stipend for each contracted professional at the Texas School for the Deaf.	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000						
<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>									
1.	None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ 67,041,102	\$ 67,041,102	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,776,304	\$ 9,776,304	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Special Provisions for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the School for the Deaf (S20) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR- Dedicated	All Funds
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

		Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
Article III, Public Education Permanent School Fund Corporation (706) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced		Items Not Included in SB 1 2024-25 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2024-25 Biennial Total		Adopted 2024-25 Biennial Total		Article XI 2024-25 Biennial Total	
		GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
<u>Agency Requests:</u>									
1.	New Rider: Texas PSF Fiduciary Finding. Rider would give the agency authority to appropriate additional funding and increase FTEs as identified to be necessary in the issuance of a fiduciary finding. No cost.	\$ -	\$ -						
2.	Funding for lease payments in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. (\$1,853,030 in Other Funds is included in SB 1 to continue lease costs from fiscal year 2023 in the 2024-25 biennium.)	\$ -	\$ 4,416,808						
3.	Funding for facilities build out costs in fiscal year 2024.	\$ -	\$ 1,174,745						
<u>Workgroup Revisions and Additions:</u>									
1.	New Rider: Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC). New rider prohibits use of Permanent School Funds to lease private office space. Rider directs PSFC to lease state-owned building space.					Adopt			
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions		\$ -	\$ 5,591,553	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Teacher Retirement System (323) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 2024-25 Biennial Total		Pended Items 2024-25 Biennial Total		Adopted 2024-25 Biennial Total		Article XI 2024-25 Biennial Total	
	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds	GR & GR-Dedicated	All Funds
Technical Adjustments:								
1. Change code citation in Rider 21 from Government Code Section 824.2031 to 821.006. No cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Agency Requests:								
1. Funding to hold TRS-ActiveCare premiums constant for the 2024 and 2025 plan years.	\$ 1,404,021,000	\$ 1,404,021,000			\$ 588,518,000	\$ 588,518,000		
2. Delete Rider 11, Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS). This would give the agency authority to hire an external communications consultant. No cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
3. New Rider, Contingent Appropriation of Pension Trust Funds to Consider an Additional Regional Office. This would authorize the TRS Board to spend pension funds and increase the FTE cap, should the Legislature wish for TRS to open an additional regional office. No cost.	\$ -	\$ -			Adopt			
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. New Rider, Contingency for Senate Bill 10. Rider appropriates \$3.7 billion for a cost-of-living adjustment for TRS retirees and a onetime lump sum payment to certain TRS retirees, contingent on the enactment of SB 10, or similar legislation.					\$3,717,000,000	\$ 3,717,000,000		
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ 1,404,021,000	\$ 1,404,021,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,305,518,000	\$ 4,305,518,000	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Article III, Public Education Optional Retirement Program (32C) Items Not Included in Bill as Introduced	Outstanding Items for Consideration				Tentative Workgroup Decisions			
	Items Not Included in SB 1 <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Pended Items <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Adopted <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>		Article XI <u>2024-25 Biennial Total</u>	
	GR & GR-	All Funds	GR & GR-	All Funds	GR & GR-	All Funds	GR & GR-	All Funds
	Dedicated		Dedicated		Dedicated		Dedicated	
Workgroup Revisions and Additions:								
1. None.								
Total, Outstanding Items / Tentative Decisions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2025
Total, Full-time Equivalents / Tentative Decisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools
Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/24/2023

Overview

This rider would amend Texas Education Agency (TEA) Rider 80, Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools, to move \$366,973 in General Revenue funds from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025 for TEA personnel costs, include the placement and oversight of cybersecurity practitioners as an allowable program activity, and grant authority to TEA to transfer funds between capital and non-capital budget items.

Required Action

1. On page III-29 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

80. **Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, is ~~\$55,000,000~~ \$54,633,027 in General Revenue ~~for~~ in fiscal year 2024 and \$366,973 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2025 to provide cybersecurity services to public school districts and placement and oversight of cybersecurity practitioners to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs). It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to provide cybersecurity services for LEAs ~~Local Education Agencies (LEAs)~~ in accordance with DIR Strategy C.1.2, Security Services. Cybersecurity services to be provided by DIR may include, but are not limited to, cybersecurity assessments, end point detection response, and network detection response. To the greatest extent possible, the agency and DIR shall coordinate such services with Education Service Centers as well as Regional Security Operation Centers. In addition, the agencies shall prioritize the use of existing statewide contracts to procure such services and may prioritize funding to high-need districts.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between the agency's capital budget and the agency's non-capital budget as necessary to carry out the program. Such a transfer is contingent upon approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposed transfer and forwards the review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated in fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives

Prepared by LBB Staff, 02/24/2023

Overview

This rider would amend Texas Education Agency Rider 70 to provide flexibility to the Agency in the transferring of funds between strategies, biennia, and fiscal years in a biennium for the Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives Program.

Required Action

1. On page III-27 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

70. Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, are all fees generated by the operation of local designation systems and teacher incentives as authorized under TEC §21.3521 and TEC §48.112 (estimated to be \$2,084,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,486,000 in fiscal year 2025). Fee revenue collections appropriated under this rider are to be used exclusively for the purpose of administering the programs the programs under TEC §21.3521 and TEC §48.112.

Notwithstanding Rider 24, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer fee revenue collections that are in excess of the Biennial Revenue Estimate to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems – Technology, to use in administering the program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2023, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

In addition, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, \$150,986,120 in fiscal year 2024 and \$197,681,715 in fiscal year 2025 is allocated for the local designation systems and teacher incentives under TEC §21.3521 and TEC §48.112. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2024 include 2,349 master, 6,584 exemplary, and 8,079 recognized teachers. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2025 include 2,866 master, 8,360 exemplary, and 8,531 recognized teachers.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider
Civics Training Academies

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/27/2023

Overview

This rider would describe the uses of funding already appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the Civics Training Academies Program.

Required Action

1. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

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Civics Training Academies. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$14,625,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2024 for the purposes of developing and making available civics training programs for teachers and administrators at grade levels to be determined by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 21.4555. Notwithstanding Rider 24, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 during the 2024-25 biennium to be allocated among Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems – Technology, to use in administering the program. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
Texas Gateway and Online Resources

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/26/2023

Overview

This amendment to TEA Rider 49, Texas Gateway and Online Resources, would facilitate the performance monitoring and reporting required by the current rider.

Required Action

1. On page III-21 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

49. Texas Gateway and Online Resources. Out of General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$7,302,500 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to support online educator and student resources. From amounts referenced above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- a. \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium for the hosting, and maintenance of online educator and student educational resources and the secure provisioning of user accounts;
- b. \$1,352,500 in each fiscal year the 2024-25 biennium for the Lesson Study Initiative which include teacher development of best-practice lessons and supporting tools;
- c. \$1,950,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to reimburse districts for costs related to students taking On Ramps Dual Enrollment courses; and
- d. \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to reimburse district costs related to professional development provided by UTeach and other providers, focused on improving blended-learning teacher preparation.

To ensure effective monitoring of programs funded by this rider and the efficient use of public resources, the Commissioner of Education may use funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider to develop tools necessary to collect, manage, and analyze performance data on the programs funded by this rider. The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the agency expects to expend funds for such purposes.

The Commissioner shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor expenditure and performance data on the programs funded by this rider by October 1 of each fiscal year. The information submitted must include:

- a. Measures of program impact, including the number of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools served; the number of campuses served; the number of teachers served; and the number of students served by the program;
- b. Measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth; and
- c. Program expenditures delineated by activity.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

By: _____

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Funding and Rider
Public Education Funding**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/24/23

Overview

The proposed rider would appropriate \$5.0 billion from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 for the purposes of providing public education funding increases, contingent on the enactment of SB 8, SB 9, SB 11, SB 1474, SB 2565, or similar legislation related to special education funding, parental rights, teacher rights, curriculum, and school safety. It would also delete existing Rider 82, Increased Teacher Compensation, from the Texas Education Agency bill pattern.

Required Actions

- 1) On page III-1 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add \$2,500,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 from Foundation School Fund No. 193 to Strategy A.1.1, Foundation School Program – Equalized Operations.
- 2) Increase the Foundation School Program sum-certain appropriation identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Funding, by \$2,500,000,000 in each fiscal year.
- 3) On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. Contingency for Senate Bills 8, 9, 11, 1474, & 2565. Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Foundation School Program – Equalized Operations, \$5,000,000,000 shall be used to provide increased funding for school districts and charter schools, contingent on the enactment of the following bills:

- (A) SB 8, relating to public education, including parental rights and public school responsibilities regarding instructional materials and the establishment of an education savings account program, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session;
 - (B) SB9, relating to the rights, certification, and compensation of public school educators and assistance provided to public schools by the Texas Education Agency related to public school educators and to certain allotments under the Foundation School Program, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session;
 - (C) SB 11, relating to measures for ensuring safety and security in public schools, including measures related to certain student records and truant conduct, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session;
 - (D) SB 1474, relating to special education in public schools, including the special education allotment under the Foundation School Program, an education savings account program for certain children with disabilities, and a grant program to reimburse public schools for the cost of certain employer contributions for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas employed to teach special education, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session; and
 - (E) SB 2565, relating to instructional material and technology, the adoption and revision of essential knowledge and skills of the public school foundation curriculum, and creating allotments for the procurement of certain instructional materials under the Foundation School Program; authorizing a fee, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session.
- 4) On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, delete Rider 82, Increased Teacher Compensation.

By: _____

**Texas Education Agency
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Property Tax Relief**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/24/23

Overview

The proposed rider amendment would appropriate additional funds for property tax relief, contingent on the enactment of SB 3, SB4, and SB 5, or similar legislation related to providing property tax relief, and enactment of SJR 3 and subsequent voter approval of the associated constitutional amendment.

Required Actions

- 1) Increase appropriations for the Foundation School Program from Strategy A.1.1, Foundation School Program – Equalized Operations by \$54,119,500 in fiscal year 2024 and \$54,119,500 in fiscal year 2025 out of the Property Tax Relief Fund.
- 2) Amend the Foundation School Program sum-certain appropriation identified in Rider 3, Foundation School Funding, accordingly.
- 3) On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

81. Property Tax Relief.

- (a) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, an estimated \$3,118,000,000 for the 2024-25 biennium is appropriated from Foundation School Fund No. 193 for compression of district property tax rates due to district property value growth, pursuant to Education Code, Sections 48.2551 and 48.2552 (a) and (b).
- (b) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1 and in addition to amounts in Subsection (a), an estimated \$2,156,100,000 for the 2024-25 biennium is appropriated from Foundation School Fund No. 193 to reduce the state compression percentage by 7.75 percent, due to state savings resulting from the limitation on district Maximum Compressed Rates during the prior biennium, pursuant to Education Code, Section 48.2552(c).
- (c) On September 1, 2023, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Property Tax Relief Fund \$9,725,900,000 \$9,834,139,000.
- (d) Out of amounts transferred in Subsection (c), \$9,834,139,000 ~~\$9,725,900,000~~ is appropriated in Strategy A.1.1 for the 2024-25 biennium out of the Property Tax Relief Fund for district property tax relief, contingent on the enactment of:
 - (1) SB 3, relating to an increase in the amount of certain exemptions from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads, an adjustment in the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amounts, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue , or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session;
 - (2) SB 4, relating to the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district, or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session;

- (3) SB 5, relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income and a franchise tax credit for the payment of certain related ad valorem taxes or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session; and
- (4) SJR 3, proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amount or similar legislation by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session and subsequent voter approval of the associated constitutional amendment.
- ~~actions of by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session to increase state aid and reduce recapture payments through additional constitutionally dedicated property tax relief. Of the \$9,725,900,000 appropriated out of the Property Tax Relief Fund; \$3,000,000,000 shall be used to increase the residential homestead exemption under Tax Code, Section 11.13(b), from \$40,000 to \$70,000. Other actions for district property tax relief include, but are not limited to, reducing the State Compression Percentage pursuant to Education Code, Section 48.255(b)(1); reducing district Maximum Compressed Rates under Education Code, Sections 48.2551 and 48.2552; reducing the rate of district property tax levy growth in the calculation of the State Compression Percentage and Maximum Compressed Rate under Education Code, Sections 48.255(b)(2) and 48.2551(b)(4)(A); and changing the limitation on taxable value under Tax Code, Chapter 11.~~
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that any property tax relief directed by Subsection (d) shall be structured so as to not exceed the limit provided under Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22, Limitation on the Rate of Growth of Appropriations.

By: _____

Texas Education Agency, Article III
Proposed Rider
Projects and Grants at the Texas Education Agency

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/24/2023

Overview

This Rider would appropriate an additional \$6.0 million from General Revenue to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for a Grant for Adaptive Equipment and the Best Buddies program. The rider would also modify the Child ID program rider to provide a total of \$2.0 million from General Revenue.

Required Action

1. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, decrease funds appropriated by \$4,671,964 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and increase funds by \$1,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2025.
2. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, by \$5,000,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024.
3. On page III-2 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, by \$500,000 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025.
4. On page III-31 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Projects and Grants at the Texas Education Agency.** The commissioner of education shall partner with non-profit organizations serving children with disabilities that have been operating at least 10 years, have audited financials, and serve more than 250 children a year by contracting with such organizations to provide the following services:

(a) Grant for Adaptive Equipment. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency, is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, to contract with to a non-profit organization that provides adaptive equipment for children with multiple disabilities in Harris County and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

(b) Best Buddies. From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to support the Best Buddies program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

5. On page III-25 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, delete Rider 60, Best Buddies.

6. On page III-25 of the Texas Education Agency bill pattern, amend the following rider:

71. **Child I.D. Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate ~~\$5,671,964~~\$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year ~~2024~~ in order to collaborate with local education agencies to supply families with fingerprint kits for children. It is the intent of the Legislature that this would be a voluntary program to aid in the identification of lost or missing children. In establishing the program, Texas Education Agency shall prioritize providing families who have children in Kindergarten through sixth grade with fingerprint kits. Subsequently, the Texas Education Agency shall prioritize providing families with children in Kindergarten with fingerprint kits.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2024, are hereby appropriated to fiscal year 2025 for the same purpose.

By: Sen. Joan Huffman

Teacher Retirement System, Article III
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 10

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/16/2023

Overview

This contingency rider would appropriate an additional \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2024 out of General Revenue for the purposes of funding a cost-of-living adjustment for TRS retirees and onetime lump sum payment to certain TRS retirees, contingent upon enactment of SB 10.

Required Action

1. On page III-45 of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) bill pattern, increase funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.4, TRS Retirement Additional Annuity Payment, by \$3,717,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue.
2. On page III-49 of the Teacher Retirement System bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for Senate Bill 10.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 10, or similar legislation relating to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, TRS Retirement Additional Annuity Payment, the Teacher Retirement System is appropriated \$3,717,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

Permanent School Fund Corporation, Article III
Proposed Rider
Limitation on Facilities Funding

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/23/2023

Overview

Rider would restrict the Permanent School Fund Corporation from leasing privately owned office space and provide legislative intent for the agency to lease state-owned office space.

Required Action

On page III-36 of the Permanent School Fund Corporation bill pattern, add the following rider:

- _____. **Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Permanent School Fund Corporation (PSFC).** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated by this Act or from the Permanent School Fund Account No. 44 may be used for the purpose of leasing or renting privately owned office space. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above for the purposes of renting or leasing office space shall be used exclusively for state-owned building space.

Teacher Retirement System, Article III
Proposed Rider Deletion
Authority to hire an external communications consultant

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2023

Overview

Delete current rider 11, which prohibits TRS from hiring an external communications consultant.

Required Action

On page III-47 of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) bill pattern, delete the following rider:

- ~~11. Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS). It is the intent of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated by this Act or from Teacher Retirement System Pension Trust Fund Account No. 960 may be used for the purpose of hiring an external communications consultant.~~

Teacher Retirement System, Article III
Proposed Rider Amendment
TRS Member Benefit Enhancement

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2023

Overview

Rider lays out intention to provide TRS retirees a benefit enhancement if the TRS Pension Fund is deemed actuarially sound. Amendment changes the Government Code citation to be more accurate.

Required Action

On page III-49 of the Teacher Retirement System bill pattern, amend the following rider:

__21___. **Contingent Appropriation for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Retiree Benefit Enhancement.** It is the intent of the Legislature that a benefit enhancement be provided to TRS retirees, contingent on the determination that the TRS Pension Trust Fund is considered actuarially sound pursuant to Government Code, Section ~~824.2034~~821.006.

Teacher Retirement System
Proposed Rider
Contingency for regional office.

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/24/2023

Overview

This rider would give TRS authority to increase expenditures out of the pension trust fund and increase the FTE cap if necessary to open an additional regional office.

Required Action

On page III-49 of the Teacher Retirement System bill pattern, add the following rider:

Contingent Appropriation for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Additional Regional Office. In addition to the amounts appropriated above and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels, TRS is authorized to expend additional funds out of the TRS Pension Trust Fund and employ additional FTEs upon a finding of fact by the TRS Board of Trustees that additional resources are necessary to open an additional regional office. No later than 30 business days after such a finding, the TRS Board of Trustees shall notify the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor of the amount of funding and number of FTEs anticipated to be necessary for these purposes.